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Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 5530.0020-02

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Brett HAARALA, et al.

) Group Art Unit: 3763

Serial No.: 09/690,473

) Examiner: M. Hayes

Filed: October 18, 2000

For: GUIDEWIRE COMPATIBLE PORT  
AND METHOD FOR INSERTING  
SAME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed is an Amendment responsive to the Office Action of December 28, 2001. The following item(s) are appropriate:

A claim fee is calculated below:

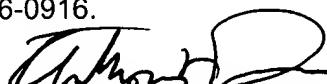
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Total	31	-	20	11	x \$ 18	\$ 198.00
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					Subtotal	\$ 282.00
					Reduction by 1/2 if small entity	- 0
					TOTAL	\$ 282.00

A check for \$282.00 to cover the \$198.00 total claim fee and \$84.00 independent claim fee is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Dated: March 12, 2002

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## AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action dated December 28, 2001, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claim 10, amend claims 11, 12, and 45, and add new claims 48-59, as follows:

--11. (Amended) An access port device to be implanted in a patient's body, the access port device comprising:

a body portion having an upper body, a lower body attachable to the upper body, and a self-sealing septum between the upper and lower bodies; an outlet for fixedly attaching a catheter to the body portion; and

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